GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Collapse of the wall at Sri Varaha lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Vari Devasthanam, Simhachalam during the Chandanotsavam approximately at 3.30 AM on 30.04.2025 – Death of seven people – Appointed a High Level Inquiry Committee- Preliminary enquiry report submitted – Sri A.R.V.L.R Swamy, Deputy Executive Engineer, RWS & S department working as Deputy Executive Engineer in APTDC, Visakhapatnam Hub on deputation basis - Placed under suspension - Orders - Issued.

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT, TOURISM & CULTURE (T) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 88 **Dated: 08-05-2025**

Read:

From the G.A(SC.I)Dept.,U.O.NoteNo.2810936/SCI/A2/2025, Dt.07.05.2025 along with the Preliminary report of the Inquiry commission in D.O.Lr.No.1562/Prl.Secy/MA&UD(Peshi)/2025,Dt.05.05.2025.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference read above, the Inquiry Commission constituted by the G.A(SC.I)Dept., vide G.O.Ms.No.49, G.A (SC.I) Dept., Dt.30.04.2025, has submitted preliminary Inquiry report on the issue of Collapse of the wall at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Vari Devasthanam, Simhachalam during the Chandanotsavam approximately at 3.30 AM on 30.04.2025 which caused, death of seven people and recommended in respect of Sri A.R.V.L.R Swamy, Deputy Executive Engineer, RWS & S department working as Deputy Executive Engineer in APTDC, Visakhapatnam Hub that, he was responsible for the PRASHAD works. It is reported that the temporary wall was constructed on the insistence of Devasthanam officials and was taken up by the contractor without any approvals from APTDC. In the statement he has admitted to the poor quality of works and structural defects but assuming it to be a temporary work, he has not taken any action. This shows his failure to properly assess the reality and take precautions to ensure safety of the devotees. Hence liable for disciplinary action for wilful negligence and inaction in rectifying the defects.

2. Government after careful examination of the matter and in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 8 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, hereby place Sri A.R.V.L.R Swamy, Deputy Executive Engineer, RWS & S department working as Deputy Executive Engineer in APTDC, Visakhapatnam Hub, under suspension with immediate effect.

3. Government also order that, during the period, this order remains in force, the delinquent officer Sri A.R.V.L.R Swamy, Deputy Executive Engineer, RWS & S department working as Deputy Executive Engineer in APTDC, Visakhapatnam Hub, shall not leave the Head Quarters without obtaining the prior permission of the Government.

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4. Government also order that during the period of suspension, Sri A.R.V.L.R Swamy, Deputy Executive Engineer, RWS & S department working as Deputy Executive Engineer in APTDC, Visakhapatnam Hub, shall be paid subsistence allowance as per rules in force.

5. The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri A.R.V.L.R Swamy, Deputy Executive Engineer,
RWS & S department working as Dy.Executive Engineer in APTDC,
Visakhapatnam Hub, (Through the Vice Chairman & Managing Director,
APTDC, Vijayawada).
The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Tourism
Development Corporation, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The PS to Principal Secretary to CM.
The PS to Hon'ble Minister for Cinematography, Tourism & Culture.
The PS to Secretary to Govt., (RWS & S Department).
The District Collector, Visakhapatnam District.
The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S Department, Vijayawada.
The General Administration (SC-B) Department, A.P., Secretariat.
The Divisional Manager, Visakhapatnam.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER